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SUBJECT: FRIESEN INTERNATIONAL AND BOYCOTT PROBLEM

REF: (A) STATE 202166, (B) KUWAIT 4780, (C) STATE 199755

1. FRIESEN BOYCOTT PROBLEM APPEARS SOLVED. DR. NAIM HAS 1)
OBTAINED CERTIFICATE FROM KUWAIT BOYCOTT OFFICE STATING FRIESEN
IS NOT ON BOYCOTT LIST; 2) AFTER CONSULTATION WITH WHAT HE
TERMED "VERY HIGH AUTHORITIES" OBTAINED AGREEMENT THAT ONLY
ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TO BE PLACED IN CONTRACT WILL BE SOMETHING
ON THE ORDER OF "FRIESEN INTERNATIONAL WILL COMPLY WITH ALL
THE LAWS IN FORCE IN THE STATE OF KUWAIT," WITH NO MENTION OF
BOYCOTT BEING MADE. DR. NAIM TOLD E/C SECTION CHIEF AUG. 25
THAT THIS LIMITED, NON-BOYCOTT LANGUAGE WAS APPROVED BY OFFICE
OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS MORNING AUG. 25, AND
THAT HE WOULD TELEX FRIESEN TO THIS EFFECT THE SAME DAY. HE
SAID HE EXPECTS FRIESEN REP TO COME TO KUWAIT AUG. 29 OR 30
TO SIGN CONTRACT.

2. DR. NAIM ADDED THAT HE HAD HAD UNPLEASANT EXCHANGE WITH MEMBER OF LOCAL LAW FIRM HIRED BY FRIESEN, HAD REFUSED TO DEAL WITH THIS MAN AND WOULD SO STATE IN TELEX TO FRIESEN. WOULD APPRECIATE NEA/ARP'S ZIOLKOWSKI'S POINTING OUT TO FRIESEN CONFIDENTIAL.

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THAT INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED IS NEW TO KUWAIT, THAT FIRM HAS MANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN HANDLE CASE, AND THAT MATTER SHOULD IN NO WAY AFFECT SIGNATURE OF CONTRACT. FOR FURTHER DETAILS SUGGEST FRIESEN REP CONTACT E/C SECTION CHIEF BUCK ON ARRIVAL IN KUWAIT.

3. COMMENT: WE HOPE GOK WILLINGNESS TO ELIMINATE BOYCOTT

LANGUAGE FROM THIS CONTRACT WILL SERVE AS USEFUL PRECEDENT IN
OUR ON-GOING DISCUSSIONS WITH KUWAITI OFFICIALS ON BOYCOTT
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